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METHOD OF CONCENTRATING AND  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 7, 2009. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition for Extension of Time.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.